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## Bassano is the Centre Of Public Activities

Deputy Minister of Public Works in Town—Says Grading is Going On All Around.

Full of important announcements for Bassano, John Stocks, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Malcolm Calder, Inspector of Public Works for Southern Alberta were in Bassano Friday last.

The new auto high road that is to link Calgary and Medicine Hat and intervening towns is now crossing Crowfoot Creek and will be into Bassano shortly. It will go right through the town, and not as frequently asserted several miles north. Grading has also been authorized on the road to the bridge being put in across the Bow river one mile south of the Dam, and preparations are being made to patch up the trail to Major and the farming points south to make a decent road for the handling of the Fall grain traffic.

Capt. J. McKenry is pushing ahead with the Bow river bridge and should have this completed shortly.

Simultaneously work is proceeding on the grading of the Hutton trail which is now beyond the White Farms and gangs will be kept at work on this until the freeze up.

## Farm Right Says Farmer Bostwick

And This District Will Produce  
Nine Out of Ten Crops

"With proper methods of farming there is no reason why the land around here should not produce a crop nine out of ten seasons," declared W. Bostwick, an old time farmer from the States now located on a rolling section near Moberly, when seen by the News this week in his new home here.

This is the third crop he has raised here, and each season has been vastly different from the other, yet he has always raised a crop, declaring his wheat never went less than twenty seven bushels to the acre.

"And why?" he said when asked, "why because I learned to farm. The country is all right. This rolling land around here is the best that could be found in Alberta for grain raising, but you can't expect 'head pencils' farmers to raise anything."

Mr. Bostwick is a farm believer in dry farming and summer fallowing, and to those principles he attributes much of his success.

## Hughie McGree Passes Away

It is our sad duty to record this week the death of Hughie McGree, who died at the age of 35 years on Wednesday Sept. 10th at Bassano.

The boy was taken sick about three weeks ago, and seemed to be getting along all right at one time, but failed to pass the critical period.

The cause is rendered even more unfortunate by the fact that the boy's sister Miss Margaret McGree died only a year ago from the same cause, and that the family has been troubled by repeated visitations for three years in succession.

General sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and family.

## "Vox Populi" After Tennis Club

A subscriber keeps dining us with stories about the Tennis Club. He says that being a stranger in town he has had work in locating it. In the end he further says, all he could find was a magnificent crop of weeds, and wonders if the Club is too interested in their relative endurance.

Ed. N. The Tennis Club started off under promising auspices, with banners of triumph and almost a pinkish tinge. He looked over the Dun the northwest road and the Swift Current road, and over the reclamation ditches throughout the countryside, the Royal Made Farm colony, and the crops and was elated over conditions.

## Street Grades Are Fixed

For \$125 the Council have just procured as complete a grade of the whole of the town from lat. 94, to 7th St., and from the avenue to 6th avenue, as could be obtained.

The John Galt Engineering Co., Ltd. has the contract, and the completed work is a masterpiece. It determines the grade for all time to come, and fixes them without fear of mistake.

Compared with the thousand dollars charged by Engineer Malhotra over a year ago for getting out grades that proved to be worthless, the investment is not bad.

## Notice

Tenders are hereby called for the winter supply of coal for the Bassano Public School. The coal is to be of good quality and delivered as requested. Tenders to close Oct. 1st at six o'clock.

The lowest, nor any tender necessarily accepted.

By order  
Frank H. Berry  
Secretary.

## Business Men Condemn Dust

Form Delegation to Wait On Council to Agitate Destruction of Dust

A strong delegation of business men organized by Mr. Jas. Johnston, of Hendry and Johnston, will wait upon the Council Monday night next to urge upon them the necessity of taking steps to abate the dust nuisance, which has been hoisted during the past week's high winds.

Claude of throat choking dust have swept over town, filling weary offices, and making even the interior of the stores unpleasant.

Consequently the business men have commenced an agitation for remedial measures and will present their case to a strong delegation at the next meeting.

Various methods are proposed, but it is generally understood that an investigation in a spirit of inquiry is a good idea. Attention is also to be directed to the state in which crossings are left after a rain storm, the north crossing of Second Avenue and Third Street being in a particularly bad state.

## Building Up Solid City

"From an inspection tour I have made, and from close investigations, I have come to the conclusion that you are laying the foundations in Bassano, slowly and steadily for a good city," declared W. J. Raymond of Melford, Ont., who spent a few days this week looking after his interests in the vicinity.

Mr. Raymond was immensely impressed with the G. E. R. work going on in the vicinity. He looked over the Dun the northwest road and the Swift Current road, and over the reclamation ditches throughout the countryside, the Royal Made Farm colony, and the crops and was elated over conditions.

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## Drove 56 Miles To Be Wed

Glencarric Couple Drove Long Journey Through Town to be Married at Bassano

Peter Cook, farmer of Glencarric, Alta., and Miss Jennie Matland, of Glencarric, both originally hailing from Scotland, drove fifty six miles to Bassano this week to get the necessary marriage license and have the ceremony performed.

It was a case where Cupid laughed at the vicissitudes, for they faced the journey on the Monday last, that day of wind and rain. But that did not damp their ardor, and as soon as they reached town they fled to the Anglican Church.

A license was procured, and they were married immediately by Rev. J. P. Dugan in the presence of a friend, E. Youmans, also of Glencarric.

After the ceremony they returned to their home at Glencarric.

## Celebrating Anniversary

E. F. Purcell, One of Pioneer Business Men is Offering Big Bargains

One of the pioneers of Bassano, Mr. E. F. Purcell is now celebrating his fourth anniversary.

Almost blown here by a blizzard that swept across the prairie, and in the meantime his business openings have been so improved with Bassano's prospects that he determined to stay here and his interests in the vicinity.

He has never had occasion to regret that choice and holds even more confidence in the town than in the past.

His fourth anniversary he is celebrating in a way that will appeal to his patrons by maintaining his customers to big bargains.

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## Dr. Hagey Makes Reply

Denies Any Irregularity At All In Hobbins' Case

To the Editor Bassano News.

Sir:—You published an article under the title "Alleged Siberian Methods" which possibly might be taken to reflect upon myself. In justice to myself I ask you to publish in full the enclosed statement and give it the same prominence that you gave the former article.

On Aug. 8th Mr. Hobbins came to me and said that her husband had come home from Oldham the night before and that he had been advised that he had again gone to Oldham and that she was afraid he would not see her when he came home as he had made threats to that effect. She also said that she wanted a separation. I advised her that she had better consult a solicitor. I had obtained to go to Calgary on the afternoon train on Aug. 8th and came back on No. 62 the morning of Aug. 9th. At the station I happened to meet Constable Snow, who informed me that he had arrested Sam Hobbins for disorderly conduct and that my services as a Justice would likely be required about 10 o'clock. I told him to telephone me when he would be ready to go with the case.

On the morning of Aug. 9th Constable Snow had two charges:

1. That Sam Hobbins on the 8th day of Aug. did act in a disorderly manner by being drunk contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.
2. That Sam Hobbins on the 8th day of Aug. did use intoxicating liquors while intoxicated contrary to the License Act.

On the same morning Mrs. Hobbins laid information that Sam Hobbins on the 8th day of Aug. did assault the complainant contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

Sam Hobbins was tried by myself on the two charges laid by Constable Snow on the 8th of Aug. and was found guilty on both charges.

Mrs. Hobbins declined to prosecute when the first charge was called and it was dismissed without costs to anyone. On the charge of disorderly conduct Sam Hobbins was sentenced to 14 days in the N. W. M. P. Barracks at Regina.

On the charge of using intoxicating liquors while intoxicated he was fined \$5.00 and costs amounting to a further sum of \$4.75 or \$9.75 imprisonment. He paid his fine. Before being sentenced Sam Hobbins through his solicitor asked to be allowed to make a statement under oath. He made a statement which is now on file in the License department at Edmonton.

On Aug. 26 J. Mickeljohn License Inspector came to my office and said that he desired to lay a couple of informations. He laid two against Sam Hobbins:

1. That on the 8th day of August Sam Hobbins did enter the bar room of the Gleichen Hotel, Gleichen, while intoxicated contrary to Sec. 125, Sub-section 2 of the License Act.
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Mr. J. Mickeljohn then went in search of Sam Hobbins. Some time after he returned with Sam Hobbins and in my presence told Hobbins why he had brought him to my office. As a Justice

## Dam Will Be Closed In Spite of the Town

In Communication From C. P. R. When Town Asks for Time to Complete Work

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